**● 2017-18 ACADEMIC List #12 Vocab Test**

**Definitions – Match the word on the left to its correct definition on the right.**

1. abound A. become gentle and sweet  
2. mellow B. steal property entrusted to one's care  
3. embezzle C. be plentiful, be filled  
4. rant D. make stronger with new materials or support  
5. reinforce E. speak wildly and noisily  
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6. clarification A. isolation from others, solitude  
7. malady B. relative rank or standing, especially in society; prestige  
8. quest C. act of making clear or understandable; explanation  
9. seclusion D. search, hunt

10. status E. illness, disease, disorder  
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11. braggart A. unnaturally sleepy; dull, slow moving; indifferent

12. despondent B. causing mental pain or grief

13. heartrending C. state of great disorder; mental strain or agitation

14. lethargic D. sad, without hope, discouraged  
15. turmoil E. full of yourself; boastful in a loud, obnoxious way  
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16. cache A. not planned or prearranged; irregular

17. leisurely B. hiding place; something hidden or stored

18. nomadic C. wandering, moving about from place to place

19. piecemeal D. unhurried, taking plenty of time  
20. random E. gradually; one piece at a time

**ANTONYMS – match each word to its antonym**

**26. abound A. undermine**

**27. despondent B. elated**

**28. nomadic C. murmur**

**29. rant D. lack**

**30. reinforce E. fixed**

**Synonyms – match each word to its synonym**

**21. braggart A. pursuit**

**22. clarification B. elucidation**

**23. heartrending C. poignant**

**24. quest D. tumult**

**25. turmoil E. bigmouth**

**Part of Speech – According to your vocabulary list, which part of speech is each word below? Some answers will be used more than once.**

**A. noun B. verb C. adjective D. adverb**

31. malady 32. abound 33. lethargic 34. embezzle 35. seclusion

**Sentences - Read the sentence and determine which word fits best in the blank. Each letter (A, B, C, D, E) will be used TWICE.**

**A. abound/abounds B. mellow C. embezzle/embezzling D. rant/ranting E. reinforce**

36. Apparently, the man thought he could pay off his staggering gambling debts only by \_\_\_\_\_ funds from the company

that employed him. Now he’s going to prison.

37. They used steel beams to \_\_\_\_\_ the structure of the building.

38. The lake so \_\_\_\_\_ with trout and pickerel that even a person with my limited skill in fishing can catch them easily.

39. The senator's aide lost his job when he was caught trying to \_\_\_\_\_ campaign funds.

40. The internet is always full of anonymous people \_\_\_\_\_ about politics or the problems of society.

41. Lush fruit trees \_\_\_\_\_ in the orchards of central California.

42. The tenor's voice was rich and \_\_\_\_\_, but the baritone's sounded somewhat harsh and unpleasant.

43. When the speaker began to \_\_\_\_\_ like a rabblerouser, the crowd shouted him down.

44. In order to prevent the bridge from collapsing, it has been necessary to \_\_\_\_\_ its girders and foundations.

45. Mom continued to hope that her immature and irresponsible brother would \_\_\_\_\_ with age and experience.

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**A. clarification B. malady C. quest D. seclusion E. status**

46. In their \_\_\_\_\_ of a safe water route to the Pacific, Lewis and Clark journeyed more than three thousand miles.

47. After putting up with the noise and confusion of life in the big city all week, I enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_ of my cabin in the

mountains on weekends.

48. Reporters asked for a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ of the politician's statement so that they could accurately report her position.

49. Arthritis is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ that attacks many millions of people, especially in middle and old age.

50. Though Ponce de Leon’s \_\_\_\_\_ for the Fountain of Youth proved futile, he did explore Florida and claim it as territory

for the Spanish.

51. Winning the prestigious book award boosted the young writer's literary \_\_\_\_\_.

52. When I first entered this country, I was classified as a "resident alien," but my \_\_\_\_\_ has changed since then.

53. Some actors choose to live in \_\_\_\_\_, away from the prying eyes of journalists and fans.

54. At first, when I couldn't figure out what she wanted me to do, I asked her for some \_\_\_\_\_ of her instructions.

55. Rheumatic fever, usually a childhood \_\_\_\_\_, can cause permanent damage to the heart.

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**A. braggart B. despondent C. heartrending D. lethargic E. turmoil**

56. It's natural for you to feel a little \_\_\_\_\_ over not getting the job, but don't let that prevent you from applying for other

positions.

57. Greek mythology is filled with \_\_\_\_\_ gods and heroes who have entirely too much pride in their deeds and skills.

58. Though I am always full of energy in the morning, I start to become a little \_\_\_\_\_ as the day wears on.

59. For many years after the Civil War, the South remained a society in \_\_\_\_\_.

60. Yesterday, I read a truly \_\_\_\_\_ account of the plight of millions of people suffering from the effects of a severe famine.

61. The twins often become \_\_\_\_\_ after eating a large meal at their grandmother's house.

62. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the French Revolution and the Napoleonic Era was succeeded by 100 years of relative peace and quiet in

Europe.

63. The doctor was \_\_\_\_\_ over the tragic loss of his patient.

64. The two brothers are both fine athletes, but one is quiet and modest, while the other is an awful \_\_\_\_\_.

65. The survivor told a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ story about the shipwreck and the days she spent alone on the island.

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**A. cache/caches B. leisurely C. nomadic D. piecemeal E. random**

66. Many homeless people now lead essentially \_\_\_\_\_ existences on the streets of our major cities.

67. Every once in a while, I like to take time out from my busy schedule to have a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ dinner with old friends.

68. According to a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ sampling of voters, Proposition 10 will be approved by a wide margin.

69. My parents enjoy taking a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ stroll through the park on a Sunday afternoon.

70. Most detectives solve crimes in a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ fashion, as clues come to them, rather than all at once.

71. Many animals in the desert live a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ life, traveling from place to place in search of water, food, and shelter.

72. Instead of trying to decide which applicants were best suited for the job, he selected two at \_\_\_\_ and it was a disaster.

73. We found a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ of canned food hidden in the basement of the house.

74. During warm months, foxes bury many animals they have killed, with the result that they have a large \_\_\_\_\_ of food to

tide them over throughout the winter.

75. The committee's \_\_\_\_\_ approach to the problem was taking more time and money than the school board could afford.